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Via Hand Carry to
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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/314,889; Filed: May 19, 1999
For: **Death Domain Containing Receptors**
Inventors: Guo-Liang Yu *et al.*
Our Ref: 1488.0310006/EKS/KRM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Petition to Withdraw Holding of Abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a) (*in duplicate*);
2. Exhibit A which includes photocopies of the PTO date-stamped postcard, Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1), CPA Request Transmittal Form PTO/SB/29, Preliminary Amendment, and canceled check no. 31691 all filed in the PTO on June 21, 2001; and
3. Return Postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are

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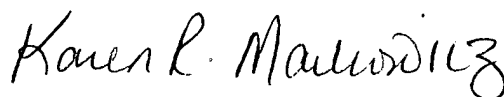
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necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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